



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2004 AGENDA

SUBJECT

Accountability: The Academic Performance Index (API) and the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results



Action



Information



Public Hearing

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided to the State Board of Education (SBE) for information and action as deemed necessary and appropriate.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

In July 1999, the SBE adopted the API to measure academic achievement pursuant to the Public Schools Accountability Act (PSAA). The SBE approved the Accountability Workbook for the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act in June 2003. A key component of the Workbook is a definition of AYP. For California, the API is a major aspect of AYP. In January 2004, the SBE approved the joint release of the schoolwide API and AYP results with the primary focus on the API.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The cornerstone of statewide accountability is the API. On August 31, 2004 the CDE will release the results of the 2004 schoolwide Growth API. In addition, AYP results for schools and local education agencies (LEAs) will be presented. This report provides both state and federal accountability information prior to the start of the 2004-05 school year. The combined report includes the statewide 2004 API growth information at the school and LEA levels and federal 2004 AYP information at the school, LEA and subgroup levels. Updates and additions to the data during the school year will be provided separately. The API Growth Report, including subgroup information, will be released in October. The Program Improvement (PI) Status Report will also be released in October.

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

The 2004 API and AYP results will be posted on the CDE Web site. There is no cost to disseminate the report.

ATTACHMENT(S)

A Last Minute Memorandum will be provided that will include the News Release as the attachment for this item.